

To whom it may concern:

I oppose the two bills up for comment on Friday, March 4, 2022. In short, my opposition stems from the following facts:

During the 2020 election, paper ballots were delivered to my home for the residents of voting age. We received DUPLICATIVE mailings of the ballots. We both attended in person to vote. The reasons we voted in person were:

a) We felt entirely comfortable that our polling place had created an environment that was conducive to in-person voting;

b) We were entirely suspicious of any process that could send multiple versions of ballots to our home, thereby prompting us to vote in the MOST secure manner making sure someone did not receive an additional mail-in ballot delivered to our home.

As an accountant who has performed audits, a person comes to understand the basic needs of checks and balances. You understand it too. None of you would accept a note from me as a taxpayer, telling you I paid my taxes. You want a signed return and IRS forms that support the contents of my return. Colleges in CT did not accept a student's word that they were in fact vaccinated, you made them provide ID cards from a licensed healthcare professional. Therefore CT cannot accept the word on a piece of paper that the person listed, is the person who is casting that vote. Mail in voting destroys checks and balances and invites fraud. This is not a party-line issue, this is an issue of truth and integrity.

I know of very few companies that don't get their results audited every year, and would suggest we move to a statewide audit of election results. Loosening the definitions as is being discussed today makes the need for yearly audits of results mandatory.

Checks and balances are a concept built into the State Constitution. You cannot bend one person's right to their legal vote by legislating something that is contrary to the Constitution. In doing so, you take the rights of the citizens of this State away from them in a backdoor attempt to loosen the rules around elections.

This State has a Constitution, and it should never have been set aside no matter what emergency orders were in place. COVID did not create a new normal. It is time to get back to the rule of law that made this State function at its best.

Regards, Kelly Brucato